

## **NEWS UPDATE**

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## Cities throughout Idaho receive Arbor Day Grants

(Idaho Falls...April 2014). The Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA), in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Avista, Rocky Mountain Power, and Idaho Power, is pleased to announce the 2014 Arbor Day Grant recipients. This program helps cities celebrate Arbor Day, plant appropriate trees for energy conservation and fosters a stronger relationship between Idaho communities and the Nursery and Utility Industries.

We received 64 Arbor Day grant applications for 2014 and were able to fund 45 of them. An Arbor Day Grant of \$300 will be given to the following communities for "Planting Idaho":

Bingham County	City of Fairfield	City of Meridian
City of American Falls	City of Filer	City of Mountain Home
City of Arimo	City of Garden City	City of Orofino
City of Blackfoot	City of Grangeville	City of Payette
City of Bliss	City of Idaho Falls	City of Plummer
City of Boise	City of Juliaetta	City of Ponderay
City of Buhl	City of Kamiah	City of Potlatch
City of Burley	City of Kellogg	City of Priest River
City of Cascade	City of Ketchum	City of Salmon
City of Coeur d' Alene	City of Kuna	City of St. Anthony
City of Cottonwood	City of Lapwai	City of Sugar City
City of Council	City of Lewiston	City of Tetonia
City of Donnelly	City of Mackay	City of Twin Falls
City of Downey	City of McCall	City of Ucon
City of Driggs	City of Melba	City of Wardner

The celebration of Arbor Day represents a priceless opportunity for kids and adults alike to take positive action to make their world a better place and to learn about trees and the environment. The first celebration of Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872. Arbor Day is officially celebrated in the U.S. and Idaho on the last Friday in April (April 25<sup>th</sup> this year). However communities may be celebrating on a different day due to the climate and planting conditions in their area.

This year, help your city celebrate trees by celebrating Arbor Day and Planting Idaho!

